

**SSB 5734** - H AMD TO WAYS COMM AMD (H-3287.1) **870**

By Representative Anderson

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1 On page 2, after line 34 of the striking amendment, insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) Within existing resources, the joint  
4 legislative audit and review committee shall complete a systemic  
5 performance audit of the state universities, regional universities,  
6 and The Evergreen State College. The purpose of the audit is to  
7 create a transparent link between revenues, expenditures, and  
8 performance outcomes as outlined in the performance agreements  
9 developed under RCW 28B.10.920 and the strategic master plan for  
10 higher education as adopted by the legislature. The study shall:

11 (a) Identify standardized categories of costs that will allow  
12 comparison across various administrative, student support, and  
13 academic functions;

14 (b) Based on available management data, estimate current annual  
15 costs at each institution for the various cost categories;

16 (c) Based on available management data, identify fund sources  
17 that support the cost categories at each institution; and

18 (d) Identify barriers or gaps in data linking revenues,  
19 expenditures and performance agreement outcome measures.

20 (2) The auditor shall report findings and recommendations to the  
21 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2010. The  
22 report shall include, but is not limited to, the following elements  
23 as they relate to the purpose of the audit:

24 (a) The identification of cost savings and programs or services  
25 that could be eliminated;

26 (b) Analysis of gaps or overlaps in programs or services and  
27 recommendations to correct gaps or overlaps;

1 (c) Feasibility of pooling technology systems or elements of  
2 technology systems pursuant to chapter \_\_ RCW (Second Substitute  
3 House Bill No. 1946), laws of 2009;

4 (d) Recommendations for statutory or regulatory changes that may  
5 be necessary for the state universities, regional universities, and  
6 The Evergreen State College to meet performance agreement objectives  
7 mutually agreed upon pursuant to 28B.10.922; and

8 (e) Recommendations on the development of a uniform higher  
9 education performance, budgeting, accounting and reporting system."

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**EFFECT:** Requires the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee  
to conduct a systemic performance audit of the public  
baccalaureate institutions.

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